

January 3, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive to the Director
THRU: Assistant Director for Operations
SUBJECT: Establishment of Special Reports Division in FBIB
FROM: Chief, ICAPS

1. On 27 November a meeting was held with representatives of ICAPS, Office of Operations, ORE, and OCP to explore the possibilities of the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of the Office of Operations providing some factual analysis service for the large volume of broadcast material collected daily. At this meeting it was decided that the principle is sound provided that factual analysis did not extend to interpretive analysis on the part of the FBIB.

2. A later meeting was held between representatives of the Office of Operations and the Office of Reports and Estimates, at which time agreement was arrived at that:

a. FBIB could perform a useful function in further processing collected broadcast material including--

- (1) Preparation of resumes and summaries
- (2) Condensations
- (3) Compilation of extracts along selected topical lines
- (4) Comparison of propaganda lines, either periodically or country-wise.

b. Processing would be restricted to factual analysis.

c. Any doubt as to the nature of analysis requested by a using agency would be decided by ORE.

d. Any interpretive analysis of material furnished by FBIB would be prepared by and specified as the product of ORE.

3. A copy of the memorandum covering the agreement referred to above is attached.

4. a. The Assistant Director for Operations wishes to experiment on a restricted basis with this project before submitting recommendations for its full scale establishment. To this end he desires to set up within FBIB a Special Reports Division composed of 12 individuals with ratings as indicated below:

1 Chief	P-7
2 Asst. Chiefs	P-6
2 Analysts	P-5
4 Analysts	P-4
3 Clerk-Stenos	CAF-4

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b. It is believed that an appropriate experiment can be made with an initial authorization as indicated below:

1 Acting Chief	P-6
1 Analyst	P-5
2 Analysts	P-4
1 Analyst	P-3
2 Clerk-Stenos	CAP-4

6. Recommend that the Office of Operations be authorized to employ seven individuals as indicated in paragraph 4b above to initiate the experimentation and development of the proposed project pending later final approval and establishment on a larger scale. This experiment should be carried on in very close cooperation with the Office of Reports and Estimates.

DONALD EDGAR

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By memo dtd 2 Dec 48
fr Asst. Dir ORE

Cc: Exec for PAA

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff

SUBJECT: ORE Position on Processing Foreign Broadcast Materials

1. As a result of a meeting held on 27 November at the suggestion of the Deputy Assistant Director for Operations and attended by representatives of ORE, ICAPS, OC&D, and Office of Operations, the following statement of the ORE position on the processing of Foreign Broadcast Materials is forwarded for your information.

2. ORE is understood to be the exclusive research and evaluation agency of the Director of Central Intelligence, and therefore may not delegate to another part of Central Intelligence Group its responsibility for preparing interpretive analysis of FBIS materials.

3. It is agreed, however, that certain processing of materials can go on without infringing on the ORE mission and responsibility. Such processing would include the preparing of resumes, summaries, condensations; the compiling of extracts along selected topical lines; comparison of propaganda lines either at different periods or beamed toward different countries, etc. Such processing, which may be termed factual analysis, will put in a more useful form the large volume of broadcast material collected daily; and it can best be done by members of FBIS staff who are experienced in handling these materials and habitually concerned with them.

4. ORE is satisfied to leave such factual analysis to FBIS, reserving to itself such interpretive analysis as may appear necessary.

5. ORE would wish to be assured:

a. That in case of doubt as to the nature of an analysis requested of CIG by a user, there will be consultation between FBIS and ORE, and that ORE's decision as to what is interpretive analysis in each case will govern; and

b. That any interpretive analysis will be prepared by, and will be indicated as the product of, ORE.

6. It is the opinion of this office that such factual analysis as is described in paragraph 3 above, will be helpful to ORE in its work.

7. While the analogous problem of exploiting foreign press and periodicals was only briefly discussed at the meeting, it is the opinion of this office that similar principles will apply and can be used as the basis for agreement on operations in this field.

J. KLAHR HUDDLE
Assistant Director
Reports and Estimates

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CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM TO: ~~PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE~~

Subject: Establishment of Special Reports Division in FBIB

1. At the present time, the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of the Office of Operations limits its processing of foreign broadcast material to complete texting of the most significant broadcasts monitored each day. This text averages approximately 100,000 words per day distributed by means of daily reports and wire services. It is believed by ORE and OCD, as well as OO, that FBIB could be of greater value to CIG and the other members of IAB if it prepared special reports condensing this large volume of text material. These special reports would be both topical and regional in nature. For example, a topical report might be desired on a question like "The Reaction of all Foreign Broadcasts to President Truman's Recent State of the Union Speech." A regional report might consist of a monthly review of the significant Eastern European broadcasts.

2. It is clearly understood by the Office of Operations that any condensation of FBIB material would not contain any interpretive analysis of the material itself, since such evaluation is the responsibility of ORE. We believe, and ORE has concurred in its memorandum to ICAPS of 2 December 1948 (copy attached), that the preparation of resumes, summaries, condensations, compilations of extracts along selected topical lines, comparisons of propaganda lines either at different periods or beamed toward different countries, etc., will put the foreign broadcast material in a more useful form for evaluation by other intelligence offices.

3. In addition to the condensations described above, FBIB should produce data on foreign broadcasts as a source of information. It is necessary to know such things as transmitter characteristics, ideologies of different commentators, variations in broadcasts by beams, the amount of broadcast time devoted to different subjects, etc., in order to evaluate properly the material transmitted over any given transmitter. Compiling such data would be a responsibility of an FBIB Special Report Division.

4. FBIB would wish to start its Special Report Division on a limited scale and spend the rest of this fiscal year working with ORE and IAB users to develop the most useful techniques and procedures. With this in mind, it is proposed that the following organizational unit within FBIB be approved:

Special Reports Division

1 Chief	P-7
2 Assistant Chief	P-6
2 Analyst	P-5
4 Analyst	P-4
3 Clerk-Stenographer	P-4



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The total annual cost of this 12 man staff would amount to [redacted]
Due to the time lag in recruiting personnel, however, it is estimated
that not more than [redacted] would be expended during fiscal year 1947.

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4. It is recommended that FBIS experiment with the above staff to
determine the types of reports which should be produced. At the end of
this fiscal year, this project should be reviewed and recommendations
presented for its permanent size and scope.

EDWIN L. SIBERT
Brigadier General, USA
Assistant Director for Operations

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cc: Assistant Director for Operations (2)
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Assistant Director for Operations

14 February 1947

Advisor for Management, ICAPS

Establishment of Special Reports Division in FBIB

1. The following action by the Deputy Director on 13 February is quoted for your information:

"Approved if held within existing established personnel ceilings and in accordance with the ratings recommended in paragraph 4, attached memo."

2. Copy of the memorandum referred to is attached.

3. Pending later possible readjustment of current personnel ceilings in the light of continued experience, any employment of individuals for this experimental activity must be within the current authorized personnel ceilings of the Office of Operations.

4. Copy of this memorandum is being sent to the Finance and Personnel Divisions for their information and action on appropriate personnel procurement requests which may be made by your Office.

[Redacted]
Colonel, AGO

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cc: Finance Division
cc: Personnel Division
cc: Asst Director, OMB

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